Five Little Houses
(Phelps/ Finger Tales)

One little house.
All alone it stood.
Then another one was built.
There grows the neighborhood!

Two little houses
All alone they stood.
Then another one was built.
There grows the neighborhood!

Three little houses
All alone they stood.
Then another one was built.
There grows the neighborhood!

Four little houses
All alone they stood.
Then another one was built.
There grows the neighborhood!

Five little houses
All together they stood.
On a beautiful street
In a happy neighborhood.

This can be used with finger puppets or a flannel board.

Wheels on the Bus
(Traditional)

The wheels on the bus go round and round [turn hands in circle]
Round and round, round and round,
The wheels on the bus go round and round,
All through the town.

Additional verses:
The doors on the bus open and shut [put hands apart and together]
The driver on the bus says, “Move on back!” [thumb over shoulder motion]
The people on the bus go up and down [stand up tall and crouch down]
The horn on the bus goes, “beep, beep, beep!” [push hand as if hitting horn]
The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish [move arms back and forth like wipers]
The babies on the bus go “wah, wah, wah!” [move hands across eyes like crying]
The mothers on the bus go “sh, sh, sh!” [move finger to lips]
Our Neighborhood
(Sue Eilers & Mary Marshall)
Tune: “Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush”

Here we go to the library,
The library, the library.
Here we go to the library,
On such a beautiful sunny day.

Here we go to the grocery store,
The grocery store, the grocery store.
Here we go to the grocery store,
On such a beautiful sunny day.

Here we go to the gas station,
The gas station, the gas station.
Here we go to the gas station,
On such a beautiful sunny day.

Here we go to our friends’ today,
The friends’ today, our friends’ today.
Here we go to our friends’ today,
On such a beautiful sunny day.

Here we go to the bakery,
The bakery, the bakery.
Here we go to the bakery,
On such a beautiful sunny day.

Here we go to the barber shop,
The barber shop, the barber shop.
Here we go to the barber shop,
On such a beautiful sunny day.

Here we go to the hardware store,
The hardware store, the hardware store.
Here we go to the hardware store,
On such a beautiful sunny day.

Here we go to the pet shop,
The pet shop, the pet shop.
Here we go to the pet shop,
On such a beautiful sunny day.

Here we go to the bookstore,
The bookstore, the bookstore.
Here we go to the bookstore,
On such a beautiful sunny day.

Here we go to the drug store,
The drug store, the drug store.
Here we go to the drug store,
On such a beautiful sunny day.

Here we go to the post office,
The post office, the post office.
Here we go to the post office,
On such a beautiful sunny day.

Here we go to our preschool,
The our preschool, our preschool.
Here we go to our preschool,
On such a beautiful sunny day.

Here we go to the park today,
The park today, the park today.
Here we go to the park today,
On such a beautiful sunny day.

Use with a flannel board.
All Around the Town

(Mary Marshall & Sue Eilers)

Tune: “The Wheels on the Bus”

The people in my town
Do many things, many things, many things.
The people in my town, do many things,
All day long.

The kids in my town
All ride their bikes, ride their bikes, ride their bikes. [pretend to ride bike]
The kids in my town, all ride their bikes,
All day long.

The dads in my town
All mow the lawns, mow the lawns, mow the lawns. [pretend to mow]
The dads in my town, all mow the lawns,
All day long.

The moms in my town
All drive the vans, drive the vans, drive the vans. [pretend to drive]
The moms in my town, all drive the vans,
All day long.

The dogs in my town go,
The dogs in my town go, “Woof, woof, woof,”
All day long.

The trees in my town
Grow straight and tall, straight and tall, straight and tall. [stretch up tall]
The trees in my town, grow straight and tall.
All day long.

The traffic in my town goes
Zoom, zoom, zoom; zoom, zoom, zoom; zoom, zoom, zoom.
The traffic in my town goes zoom, zoom, zoom
All day long.
Our Neighborhood Friends
(Mary Marshall & Sue Eilers)
Tune: “My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean”

Our neighborhood has many people
I love to watch them at work.
Our neighborhood has many people
Oh come watch the people all work!
Mowing lawns, raking leaves, oh come watch our neighbors at work. [mow & rake]
Mowing lawns, raking leaves, oh come watch our neighbors at work.

Our neighborhood has many children.
I love to watch them at play.
Our neighborhood has many children
Oh come watch the children at play!
Riding bikes, playing tag, oh come watch our children at play. [pretend to ride & run]
Riding bikes, playing tag, oh come watch our children at play.

Our neighborhood has so many pets.
I love to listen to them.
Our neighborhood has so many pets.
Oh listen to all of the pets.
Meow and Bark, Meow and Bark, oh listen to all of the pets. [pretend to be cats & dogs]
Meow and Bark, Meow and Bark, oh listen to all of the pets.

Our neighborhood has many buildings
I love to see them at night.
Our neighborhood has many buildings.
Oh see all the beautiful lights.
Flicker, blink, flicker, blink, oh watch all the lights go out, go out.
Flicker, blink, flicker, blink, oh watch all the lights go out.

This can be used with a flannel board.
Help the children find their way to the park.
Selected Books on Neighborhood


Puzzles & Music

Bob’s Favorite Street Songs CD (Sesame Street)
Circle of Friends CD (Parachute Express)
Platinum CD (Sesame Street)
Shopping Arcade Puzzle (7 pieces)
You Are Special CD (Mr. Rogers)
**Teacher Resources**

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Story Totes

Animals for All Seasons [seasons & different animals]
“B” Is for Building [building & construction machines]
Beautiful Babies [big brothers, big sisters, & new babies]
Billions of Bugs [all kinds of insects]
Birthday Bonanza [celebrating birthdays]
Bunches of Bears [teddy bears & real bears]
Cool Cats & Cuddly Kittens [cats & kittens]
Dazzling Dinosaurs [dinosaurs]
Fabulous Food [food and eating]
Fascinating Families [all types of families & their members]
Fun on the Farm [farms & farm animals]
Helpers & Heroes [community helpers]
Monster Mania [monsters]
Pooches by the Pound [dogs & puppies]
Preschoolers Pretend [imagination & play]
Rainbows & Stars [colors & shapes]
Sensational Seasons [the four seasons]
Sing a Song of Sixpence [music & rhyme]
Spectacular Sea Stories [ocean & sea creatures]
Trips Around Town [places to visit]
Wacky Weather [all types of weather]
Wonderful World of Wheels [transportation]
Zoo-rific [zoos & zoo animals]

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